

Waste Management

August 9, 2023

10:00am-11:00am

Hybrid: Teams and In-Person at Am. Water



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Opening Question: Rutgers School of Business is supporting the Air & Waste Management Association in hosting a ¾ day professional conference on Environmental Justice on Sept. 27. They are looking for a panelist for the **Youth Advocacy** panel and were hoping to include someone from who could bring Camden-specific perspective to the panel aged about 18-24. Any ideas?

Ideas for panelist:

- Isiah Davis- freshman at Rutgers Camden (16 years old) – Will Savis’s son, Uzziah
- Keyann’a at mayor’s office
- Taylor Ali- runs youth leadership academy for City of Camden
 - Could give ideas or do it herself
- Jon: will provide some more later
- Rutgers has an environmental group: rain tree
 - Might have a student rep

Focus for the rest of the year:

- Illegal dumping
- Cramer hill nature preserve
- Recycling
- Alternative

II. Opening Discussion

- a. Tom Farrell: waste management NJDEP-
 - Waste reduction plan not just incineration prevention
 - Storm season is around the corner, activate temporary debris management areas – municipalities
 - Need to include in Camden City’s plan
 - Hazard mitigation plans must include Climate change (required now)
- b. [My Camden NJ app](#) launch
 - Report illegal dumping among other things
- c. [EPA recycling grant](#): Still no notification
 - Recycling education in WFS as a showcase neighborhood and expansions throughout to other neighborhoods
- d. Stolen trash cans occurring a lot in waterfront south
 - Plastic, metal ones, old, new, city provided, other
 - DPW- maybe can provide more?
 - Caught on ring cameras what to do about this
- e. Waste management has not yet bid for the Camden contract

- Two contractors now, one with waste one with recycling
- Need to consult the city and have communications trickle down from there
 - Need to understand what will be recyclable
- Get police involved maybe
- f. Idea: get stickers that say “this trash can is property of ____... if you need your own please visit ____[address] or call [number]_____”
- g. Another idea: unhoused population resource fair
- h. Recycling in the city:
 - Is the county in charge of recycling
 - Is the county in charge of recycling/ where does the recycling go?
 - For the vendor that has been doing it: curious about their work thus far. How has the city been doing on recycling, what is their perspective? How successful have they been finding vendors to take the recycling
 - Reach out to waste management
- i. Cole Pettis: might be a good DPW contact to bring to CCI
 - DPW has been sending him
- j. There was someone who voiced concerns about illegal dumping in east Camden at last night’s council meeting
- k. Food waste recycling materials county-wide: not residential, related to businesses with vegetative waste... composting program
 - Chris Waldron has been working on this
 - Ask if he’ll give a presentation about this to the CCI group

III. **Today’s Focus: Start the conversation around an illegal dumping toolkit**

- a. Determined to date:
 - Final format is ideally a 10 pager
 - Document’s audience is community groups and municipal govt. who get funding to mitigate illegal dumping
 - Expand audience to residents as well
 - Anyone who experiences dumping (communications)
 - Content of toolkit:
 - Potential incentives/ deterrents for NOT illegal dumping
 - Emphasis on taking pride in the city
 - Highlight a potential pilot program of the city sponsoring a program for social media contests:
 - a. Idea: submit photos of #camdenstrong and the winner gets a block party
 - Case Studies
 - Communication strategy: signs, billboards, radio, etc.... hotline to call
 - a. Emphasize communication with residents
 - Documentation of how to monitor illegal dumping? How/ why/ when does city move the cameras
 - Call to action for residents at the end, one pager
 - Parkside
 - Dumping around Harley graveyard.. along vesper
 - Dumping around Kaighn Ave. and Euclid (behind I Dare to Care dance studio)

- DEP has cameras loaned out to communities
 - a. Bob Gomez (DEP): 609-292-3837
- b. Now determine:
 - Case studies
 - A new view- large scale public art interventions for reducing illegal dumping
 - Grassroots approach to using cameras to prevent illegal dumping
 - Public art
 - Barriers
 - Cameras
 - Maintained vegetation/ removal of vegetation
 - Generally investment in neighborhoods
 - a. Block captains/ regular cleanups
 - b. Maintenance of vegetation
 - Education on the issue
 - Fines
 - Who will draft?
 - Rutgers or rowan would be able to help here
 - Grant opportunities?
 - Sustainable jersey
 - Clean communities funding through the city
 - EPA/ DEP monies
 - Research: who to consult (DPW, Peer Cities, previous studies, etc.)
 - Can camera money be re-allocated for a small toolkit campaign?
 - Code enforcement and police department should be consulted to see their expertise/ knowledge on the topic

IV. Additional Information/Resources

- a. City council meeting: did cracking down on contractors come up?
- b. Police block to block initiative found that contractors are the main dumpers
 - Can the police pass an ordinance to ensure

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Next Meeting: All Working Group Meeting, September 13th 10 am-12 pm location TBD